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For: **SYSTEM AND METHODS FOR REPRESENTING UNITS OF  
INFORMATION MANAGABLE BY A HARDWARE/SOFTWARE  
INTERFACE SYSTEM BUT INDEPENDENT OF PHYSICAL  
REPRESENTATION**

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In response to the Official Action dated **October 16, 2006**, reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and/or remarks as indicated below:

- ☐ **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page                      of this paper.
- ☒ **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- ☐ **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page                      of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.
- ☒ **Remarks** begin on page 12 of this paper.